Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.-42. (Cancelled)

43.   (Previously Presented) A vehicle operation assist for a vehicle mounted with a camera, said vehicle operation assist comprising:

an imaging unit operable to generate a circumferential state image using an output image from the camera, said circumferential state image viewed from a virtual viewpoint, said virtual viewpoint being different from a viewpoint of the camera;

a synthetic-image generating unit operable to generate a synthetic image by using the circumferential state image and an assumed-movement pattern image which is based on a predetermined driving operation of the vehicle, the assumed-movement pattern image including a movement of the vehicle between a start position of the vehicle and a parking position of the vehicle in case of performing the predetermined driving operation; and

a display unit operable to display the synthetic image,

wherein the assumed-movement pattern image includes tire traces.

44.   (Previously Presented) A method of vehicle operation assist comprising the steps of:

(a)   imaging a circumferential state of a vehicle;

(b)   generating a circumferential-state image of the vehicle as viewed from a virtual viewpoint based on the imaging of step (a);

(c)   generating a synthetic image of the vehicle by using the circumferential state image of the vehicle with respect to an assumed-movement pattern image which is

obtained from a series of a predetermined driving operation for the vehicle, the assumed-movement pattern image including a movement of the vehicle between a start position of the vehicle and a parking position of the vehicle in case of performing the predetermined driving operation; and
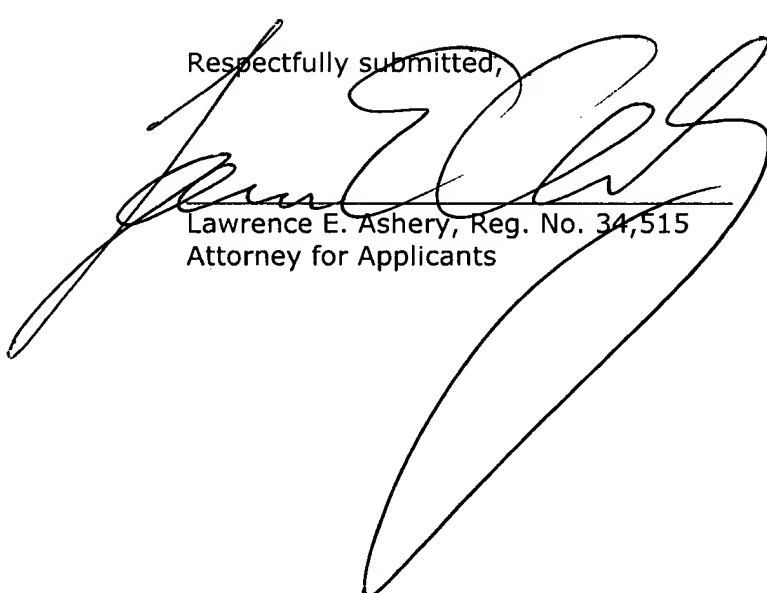
(d)   displaying the synthetic image of the vehicle,

wherein the assumed-movement pattern image includes tire traces.

Respectfully submitted,

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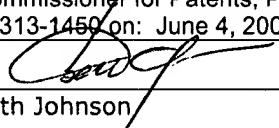Attorney for Applicants

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